

Dear Friend,

As of today, we are almost two months into the 114th Congress led by a Republican majority in the House and Senate. The American people overwhelmingly voted for a change in how Washington does business and how it prioritizes the challenges our country faces. The message you sent was loud and clear: solve real problems with practical solutions. America's new Congress has made your priorities our priorities with a renewed focus on growing the economy from the bottom up and reining in big government policies that undermine our liberty.

Already this year, the House has taken action and passed numerous bills including:

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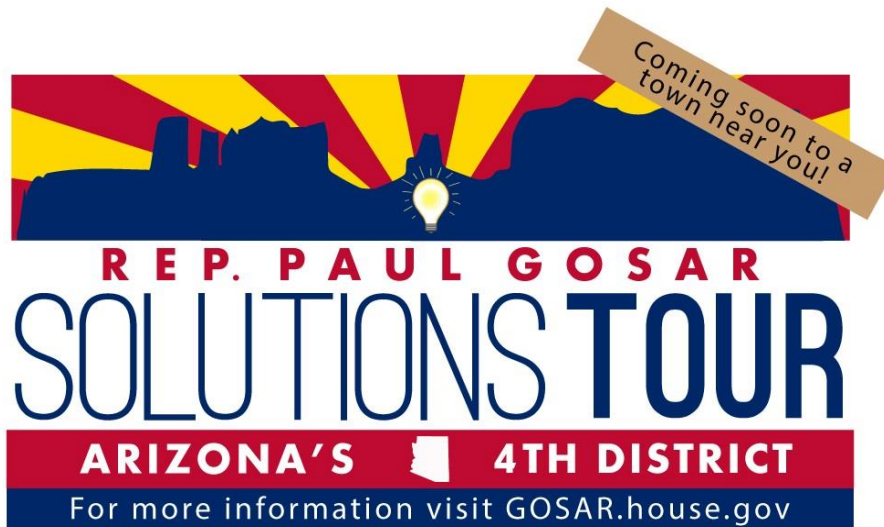
- A new law that will help veterans gain access to the mental health care resources they need. (H.R. 203)
- Approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, which would support at least 42,000 American jobs.
- Protecting American families from a White House scheme to tax 529 college savings plans.
- A plan to fund the Department of Homeland Security and stop the president's unilateral immigration actions – actions he said at least 22 times that he did not have the authority to take. (H.R. 240)
- Making it easier for small businesses to hire more of our veterans. (H.R. 22)
- Restoring the 40-hour workweek so we can get people working full-time again. (H.R. 30)
- Extending and making permanent the tax relief that small businesses count on, which would help create nearly 200,000 jobs. (H.R. 636)
- Requiring Washington bureaucrats to regulate with maximum transparency at the lowest possible cost. (H.R. 185)



When I was first elected as your Representative in 2010, I vowed to apply the same approach I took as a medical professional towards my actions in Congress. By asking “Where does it hurt?” and “How can I help?” I was able to listen and learn about what matters most to you. Furthermore, I believe the solutions to today's problems are going to come from hard working people on the front lines of Arizona's economy and not some

unelected bureaucrat in Washington.

Now, five years later, I continue to focus on legislation that will empower all Americans to seek new opportunities and achieve a better life. Over the next few months I will be traveling all around Arizona's fourth district on a "Solutions Tour" to share with you the legislation I have developed from conversations with the great people of this state. You can find out when I will be visiting a town near you by clicking [HERE](#). I hope that you will join me and be a part of the conversation to build a stronger America.



Below are some of the bills I have introduced so far this year to address healthcare reform, EPA overreach, ISIS terrorists and federal waste, fraud and abuse. My legislation already has strong bipartisan support and as the most effective member in the 113th Congress, with 6 bills and 12 other legislative efforts becoming law, I know how to get work done.

Restoring Competition in the Health Insurance Market

Over the decades, and rapidly since the passage of Obamacare, the health insurance market has expanded into one of the least transparent and most anti-competitive industries in the United States. It is apparent that the unbridled antitrust exemption created by Congress in the 1940's was not wise. These outdated provisions are no longer necessary and there is no reason in law, policy or logic for the insurance industry to have special exemptions that are different from all other businesses in the United States.

That is why I introduced, [the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act](#), seeks to restore competition among health insurance companies and correct a historical error that allowed for an exemption from federal anti-trust and unfair competition laws.



The government should not be picking winners or losers and the insurance industry should also have to comply with federal anti-trust laws. As a healthcare provider for more than 25 years I understand first-hand the importance of a competitive health insurance market. Hospitals, doctors and patients alike benefit when health insurers compete to provide quality coverage. The passage of my bill into law is an important first step towards ushering in real healthcare reform.

Protecting U.S. Waters from Federal Overreach

The Obama Administration has made it clear that it has no intention of following the law or respecting the legislative process when developing federal rules and regulations. President Obama has repeatedly chosen to ignore the will of the American people and govern by executive fiat to implement his far left ideology. This includes the latest attempt by the EPA to obtain control over practically all standing water throughout the U.S. by unilaterally expanding the Clean Water Act.

This blatant federal overreach would assert federal jurisdiction over nearly all areas with any hydrologic connection to downstream waters, including man-made constructions such as ditches, pipes and farmland ponds. Contrary to claims made by the EPA and the Corps, this would directly contradict prior U.S. Supreme Court decisions, which imposed limits on the extent of federal CWA authority.?

My bill, [the Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act](#) which has 168 bipartisan cosponsors, rejects this overreach and requires relevant federal agencies to go back to the drawing board and consult with states and other local officials to formulate a proposal that will then be submitted to Congress for approval. Only Congress has the authority to change or redefine the scope of the CWA, not bureaucrats in Washington. Americans can't afford more economic hurdles and thievery of precious water supplies from an unaccountable federal government operating in hyper mode.



Bringing ISIS, Other Terrorists to Justice

The United States, as well as the rest of the world, faces a new barbaric enemy which, left unchecked, threatens our freedoms and innocent American lives. This unconscionable evil has no place in the world and must be snuffed out immediately. The time has come for the United States to take swift and effective action to crush ISIS and other terrorist threats before they grow more emboldened.



Without a new war authorization my bill, [the Bringing Terrorists to Justice Act](#), is the best way to combat these terrorists and corrupt their organization from the inside. Putting a bounty on the heads of ISIS terrorists will incentivize people to turn over critical information that will greatly assist the U.S. in bringing these cowards to justice. The United States must clearly demonstrate resolve to bring an end to these atrocities. I want these monsters to know that when you harm innocent Americans, swift and absolute justice will follow close behind.

Reforming Federal Contracting, Cutting Billions in Waste

For far too long, wages for public works projects have been determined by an outdated and flawed formula that sacrifices accuracy, jobs and billions of federal tax dollars. The current calculation dates back to the 1931 Davis-Bacon Act and is riddled with fraud and abuse as evidenced by multiple Inspector General and Government Accountability Office reports.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has proven time and time again that they are the only department capable of accurately determining these wages. Requiring the BLS to calculate these wages will save nearly \$9 billion every year. We owe it to the American taxpayer to spend federal dollars in a more efficient manner, allowing for more jobs and worthwhile projects in the process.

My bill, [the Responsibility in Federal Contracting Act](#), is about competition, equality, accuracy and transparency for everyone. My commonsense legislation will cut waste, create jobs and save billions. This bill will restore a fair wage for a fair job that is fair to the American taxpayer.



I will continue to fight for your ideas and solutions that will help build a stronger Arizona. So if you have an idea that you would like to see implemented at the federal level, come join me at one of my upcoming townhalls. Having an open and honest discussion has always been the key to holding the government accountable and making it work better for the people of this great nation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

EVENT: Florence, AZ Townhall Meeting

TIME: 6:30 PM

WHEN: Monday March 9, 2015

LOCATION: 775 North Main Street, Florence, AZ 85132

EVENT: Bullhead City, AZ Townhall Meeting

TIME: 5:30 PM

WHEN: Thursday March 12, 2015

LOCATION: Bullhead City Council Chambers 2355 Trane Road Bullhead City, AZ

EVENT: Coffee with the Congressman

TIME: 8:00 AM

WHEN: Friday April 3, 2015

LOCATION: Brownies Restaurant: 1145 South 4th Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364

EVENT: Yuma, AZ Town Hall Meeting

TIME: 5:30 PM

WHEN: Thursday May 7, 2015

LOCATION: City Hall Council Chambers: 1City Plaza, Yuma, AZ 85364

As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Arizona and Washington, D.C. through my website (<http://gosar.house.gov>) on Twitter [@repgosar](#), or through [Facebook](#) at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress

